lic sector undertakings in the Telecommunications and Power Sectors in the last financial year in the Budget Speech this year, the Finance Minister had announced that Government will introduce another series of public sector bonds with a tax free return.

2. In pursuance of this, it has been decided to allow Government, corporate bodies, as may be permitted by the Government, to issue bonds for setting up of new projects, expansion or diversification of existing projects, capital expenditure for modernisation or for augmenting the resources of the company for working capital requirements, subject to Government's clearance. This series will be in addition to the earlier series of Power and Telecom Bonds.

3. In the new series the interest rate shall be upto a maximum of 10 per cent. The period of redemption will normally be upto 10 years, which could be increased in suitable cases. However, the interest rate and period of redemption shall be approved by the Government on a case-by-case basis. The income from these bonds shall be completely free from income tax. The Bonds will be exempt from Wealth Tax without any limit. They will be transferable by endorsement and delivery. Decision on quantum etc. will be taken by the Ministry of Finance on a case-by-case basis.

NEW DELHI; the 15th July, 1986.

Redressal of Grievances of Beedi workers

1367. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has evolved any system for the redressal of bedi workers' grievances, problems and complaints;

(b) if so, what are the details therof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the indifferent attitude of Labour Inspectors towards the problems of beedi workers in Allahabad region especially in Gursahai Ganj, Farrukhabad; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure effective tackling of beedi workers' problems by the Labour Inspectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The grievances, problems and complaints arising out of implementation of the welfare measures organised under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund are reviewed by tripartite Committees. The Central Advisory Committee and the State Advisory Committee have *inter alia*, an equal number of representatives from employers and employees. The Central Advisory Committee is Chaired by the Union Labour Minister and the State Advisory Committees by State Labour Ministers.

The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditons of Employment) Act, 1966 was enacted to regulate the conditons of work etc. of beedi workers. The implementation of the Act rests with State Governments. However, the implementation of the Act is reviewed by a Cenral Tripartite Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Labour Minister.

(c) and (d) No specific complaints of this nature have come to Government's notice. Labour inspectors responsible for the enforcement of the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditons of Employment) Act, 1966 are under the State Governments.

News-item captioned "Advance Licensing scheme abuse unabated"

1368. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item catpioned "Advance Licensing Scheme abuse unabated" which appeared in the Delhi edition of the 'Financial Expres' of the 5th May, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Misuse of advance licences obtained for import of Second hand diesel engines has been noticed in 29 cases. In 20 cases, it is suspected that exported goods were made of waste materials. In 3 cases, imported materials were found unsuitable for the export product.

In addition to the tightening of procedure, departmental action under the imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 and Imports (Control) Order, 1955 have been completed/initiated.

Cash Compensatory Support

1369. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Cash Compensatory Support rates have been announced by Government effective from July, 1986 for a period of three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what was the actual disbursement of CCS during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Under the new Scheme of Cash Compensatory Support introduced from 1st July, 1986, rates of CCS on Various export products have been announced for a period from 1st July, 1986 to 31st March, 1989. Approximately 230 items have been granted CCS in the product groups covered under the new CCS Scheme namely, Engineering goods, Chemicals and Allied Products, Plastic goods, Sports goods, Agricultural products and Processed Food items, Leather goods, Textiles and handicrafts, Seven levels of CCS rates viz., 5 per cent, 8 per cent, 10 per cent, 12 per cent, 15 per cent, 18 per cent and 20 per cent have been prescribed for various export items excepting two items where levels of 3 per cent and 22 per cent have been prescribed The CCS rates in respect of Cotton Textile items will be valid upto 31st December, 1988.

(c) The actual disbursement of CCS during 1983-84 to 1985-86 was as under:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Actual CCS disbursement
1983-84	430·12
1984-85	487·75
1985-86 (provisional)	566·73

News-item captioned Changes in Exports (Control) Act urged"

1370. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Changes in Exports (Control) Act urged" which appeared in the Delhi edition of the 'Times of India' of 3rd May, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Eighth Lok Sabha) in its Seventh Report has *inter alia* recommended amendments in Section 2 of the Imports & Exports (Control) Act, 1947, relating to the definition of "Chief Controller" and "Deputy Chief Controller"

(c) the Government is seized of the matter.